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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Wail Refai et al.

Serial No.: 09/754,490

Filed: January 4, 2001

Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SOFT HANDOFF AND OTHER DIVERSITY
COMMUNICATION USING BASE STATIONS SUPPORTING COMMON RADIO
CONFIGURATIONS

Group Art Unit: 2667

Examiner: Blanche Wong

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BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated February 2, 2006, at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting Claims 1-3, 5-18 and 20-44.

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C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

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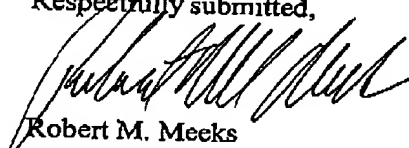
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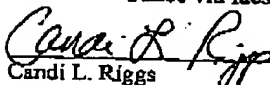
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